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At the beginning of July 1952 the Tientsin Municipal Government issued orders to push a campaign for scrap copper and iron donations by the people. At the same time the Hopoh Government asked various hsien governments for scrap donations. The local governments were required to enter the scrap drives because of the poor record military organs made in April when they tried to purchase copper and iron through cooperatives and other government purchasing agencies.

25X1 Comment. A Peiping news release of 20 June 1952 reported that the Northeast Chinese Communist Economy Planning Committee limited the use of copper, called for greater conservation, and directed cooperatives and government-operated trading departments to enhance their purchases of copper materials.

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